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- 25X1 1. The Karnobat (N 42-39, E 26-59, now Polyanovgrad) - Sredets (N 42-20, E 27-11, now Grudovo) road runs due south from Karnobat until it intersects the Yambol-Sredets-Burgas road. From the junction the road runs eastward and later veers to the southeast into Sredets.

Karnobat-Dragantsi Section - 10 kilometers

2. The Karnobat-Dragansti (Balabanlii, N 42-35, E 26-59) section is generally between three and four meters wide, but on the fifth kilometer out of Karnobat narrows to less than three meters for a short distance. The surface is of crushed stone and earth. The metalling is in good condition. There are earth shoulders one-half meter wide on either side. In mid-October 1953, overgrown ditches were being cleared halfway between Karnobat and Dragantsi.

Dragantsi-Eksarkh Antimovo Section - 5 kilometers

3. The road from Dragansti to Eksarkh Antimovo (Achlari, N 42-32, E 26-59) is usually between three and four meters wide, but occasionally is narrower. There is a bad stretch immediately south of Dragansti for a short distance, but the rest of the road appears to have been repaired recently and is in good condition. The road is in poor condition in both Dragansti and Eksarkh Antimovo villages.

Eksarkh Antimovo-Zhitosvyat Section - 8 kilometers

4. The road from Eksarkh Antimovo to Zhitosvyat (Khadzhi Marinovo, N 42-28, E 27-59) is generally three to four meters wide. Five kilometers south of Eksarkh Antimovo, the surface deteriorates and is badly cut up.

Zhitosvyat-Malina Section - 6 kilometers

5. The road through the village of Zhitosvyat is in appalling condition and all traffic is reduced to a maximum speed of 10 kilometers per hour. The surface improves one kilometer south of the village.

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Malina-Junction with Yambol-Burgas Road - 3 kilometers

6. At the south exit from Malina (N 42-25, E 27-00), there is a concrete and masonry bridge across one arm of the Mandra River. This bridge has two cement buttresses, is 25 meters long and 4.5 meters wide. At the junction (N 42-23, E 27-01), roads lead west to Yambol via Zornitsa (N 42-23, E 26-56), continue south to Fakiya (N 42-11, E 27-06) via Draka (N 42-22, E 27-01) and Tagarevo (N 42-16, E 27-04), or east to Sredets (N 42-20, E 27-11, now Grudovo).

Junction-Zagortsi Section - 3.5 kilometers

7. The section of the road between the junction with the Yambol-Burgas road and Zagortsi (N 42-23-30, E 27-03-30) is 3.5 to 4.5 meters wide. It has a surface of crushed stone and earth and is in good condition. At Zagortsi there is a bridge of concrete and masonry construction 20 meters long, 4.5 meters wide, which has a single masonry buttress. Tractor garages are located on the southeast edge of the village.

Zagortsi-Svetlina Section - 5 kilometers

8. The road between Zagortsi and Svetlina (Gospodarevo, N 42-22, E 27-06) has an average width of about 3.5 meters and is in good condition.

Svetlina-Sredets Section - 8.5 kilometers

9. The road from Svetlina to Sredets has a surface of crushed stone and earth and is generally in good condition. It is 3.5 to 4.5 meters wide. Road work was in progress one or two kilometers southeast of Svetlina. A bridge of concrete and masonry construction is located about 1.5 kilometers from the center of Sredets, at the northwest approach to the town. The bridge is 30 meters long, 4.5 meters wide including raised concrete sidewalks along either side, has iron railings, and is an estimated five meters above water level.

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 Comment: Any road south from Malina village through Draka and Tagarevo to Fakiya would be of recent construction. A road in this locality would shorten the distance from Karnobat to the border center of Fakiya, make better connections with the Burgas-Sredets-Elkhovo road, and take some of the pressure from Sredets as a communications center.

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